Statement

Funds released for Brick Kiln and Handmade Paper during the year 1995-96 under KVIC

S.No.	Name of the State	Brick Kiln	Handmade Paper
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2.50	18.83
2.	Assam	-	-
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
4.	Bihar	-	-
5.	Goa	-	-
6.	Gujarat	-	-
7.	Haryana	-	12.99
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	13.99
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	11.92
10.	Karnataka	-	0.45
11.	Kerala	-	6.71
12.	Madhya Pradesh	-	-
13.	Maharashtra	7.125	149.92
14.	Manipur	-	0.80
15.	Meghalaya	-	-
16.	Mizoram	-	1.64
17.	Nagaland	1.25	-
18.	Orissa	-	1.75
19.	Punjab	-	4.20
20.	Rajasthan	-	1.88
21.	Sikkim	-	14.28
22.	Tamilnadu	-	-
23.	Tripura	-	-
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1.50	127.73
25.	West Bengal	-	6.89
Union Territories			
1.	Andman and Nicobar Islands	-	-
2.	Chandigarh	-	-
3.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	-	-
4.	Delhi	-	7.59
5.	Daman and Diu	-	-
6.	Pondicherry	-	-
7.	Lakshdweep	-	-

[English]

Freedom for Investment Decision by PSUs

5413. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item under the capitoned "Nine PSUs demand freedom to make investment decisions" appearing in the Financial Express dated April 25, 1997;

(b) if so, the details regarding facts of the matter;

(c) the reaction of the Government to the various observations made therein; and

(d) the details of decision taken or proposed to be taken in this rregard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As announced in the Union budget, the consultations with the "Navratna" PSUs have taken place to formulate the strategies so as to make them global giants by imparting financial and managerial autonomy to these PSUs. This is a continuous process. No decision has been taken in this regard.

[Translation]

Production of coal

5414. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of coal produced in Bihar during each of the last three years and the total revenue earned therefrom;

(b) whether any scheme is being contemplated for the development of Bihar by proper exploitation of coal and using the revenue earned therefrom;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Value of coal produced in Bihar during the last three years and revenue earned therefrom is as under:-

Year	Value of coal produced (in Rs. crores)	Revenue earned by the State (in Rs. crores)
1994-95	2719	708
1995-96	3049	779
1996-97	3567	817

(Provisional)

(b) to (d) In addition to optimisation of production from the existing and on-going projects new schemes/projects have been taken up by Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL), Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) for proper exploitation of coal reserves in the State of Bihar.

The Coal Companies spend sizable amount from their revenue for the welfare of the employees in the areas of education, water supply, hospital facilities and build infrastructure, such as roads in the colliery areas. Since most of the employees are usually from the local areas, it leads to better living standard of the local people and boosts up the economic activities and development of the area through backward and forward linkages.

[English]

Computer Aided Development Centres

5415. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) How many Computer Aided Development Centres (CAD) under his Ministry and its subordinate office are functioning;

(b) how many out of them are functioning in Karnataka;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open more CAD centres in the State during 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the places where these centres are proposed to be opened.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Textiles have sanctioned Computer Aided Design Centres at the following places:-

S. No.	Place	Year of Sanction	Implementing Agency
1	2	3	4
1.	Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)	1993-94	SITRA
2.	Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) (Transferred to Karur Tamil Nadu)	1993-94	SITRA
3.	Surat (Gujarat)	1993-94	BTRA
4.	Solapur (Maharashtra)	1993-94	BTRA
5.	Bhiwandi (Maharashtra)	1994-95	SASMIRA
6.	Bhilwara (Rajasthan)	1994-95	NITRA
7.	Bangalore (Karnataka)	1994-95	SITRA
8.	Burhanpur (Madhya Pradesh)	1995-96	Madhya Pradesh Rajya Powerloom Bunkar Sahakari Sangh, Maryadit.
9.	Amritsar (Punjab)	1996-97	Textile Commissioner.
10.	Erode (Tamil Nadu)	1996-97	Textile Commissioner.

(c) and (d) During the year 1997-98, there is a proposal to open 4 new centres in various parts of the country. The location of these Computer Aided Design Centres will be decided on receipt of suggestions/proposals from State Governments/Textile Research Associations, Textile Commissioner, and on the basis of areas of powerloom concentration.

Free Import from Neighbouring Countires

5416. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently declared more items for free import from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir vide Public Notice No 401, dated 28th February, 1997, issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, India has relaxed import restrictions on 180 items if exported from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives and Nepal, subject to the condition that the goods have been manufactured in these countries. This relaxation of import restrictions has been made under SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangment (SAPTA), to increase the trade with the Least Developed Country (LDC) members of SAARC.

[Translation]

Setting up of a Spices Board Centre in Maharashtra

5417. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Spices Board proposes to set up a centre in Maharashtra to give boost to spices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for imparting training to the farmers to check heavy use of pesticides for increasing the export of chilly?